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Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

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Please change the heading on page 6 from "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS" to - DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION-

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 4 with the following:

According to one embodiment of this invention, the skin-contactable sheets actually comprise a pair of belt-like strips spaced from and opposed to each other in the transverse direction and respectively extending along the transversely opposite side edge portions of the undergarment in the longitudinal direction so that the skin-contactable surface inclusive of the panel may be partially surfaced between these skin-contactable sheets.

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